

Please amend the claims as follows:

*B<sup>1</sup>*  
 1. (Amended) A gas generant composition comprising a nitrogen-containing organic compound, an oxygen-containing inorganic oxidizer, and a third component of manganese dioxide having a specific surface area not less than 50 m<sup>2</sup>/g.

*B<sup>2</sup>*  
 9. (Amended) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the third component further comprises a metal oxide which is at least one selected from the group consisting of copper oxides, cobalt oxides, iron oxides, and silver oxides.

10. (Amended) The composition according to claim 9, wherein the ratio of manganese dioxide to the metal oxide by weight is 0.2 through 50.

11. (Amended) The composition according to claim 9, wherein the manganese dioxide and metal oxide are contained in an amount of 1 through 40% by weight of the composition.

*B<sup>3</sup>*  
 25. (Amended) A gas generant composition comprising a nitrogen-containing organic compound, an oxygen-containing inorganic oxidizer, and a third component of manganese

*B<sup>3</sup> contd*  
dioxide having a specific surface area not less than 50 m<sup>2</sup>/g;

wherein the composition does not include an alkali metal salt or alkaline earth metal salt of hydrazoic acid.

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Please add the following new claim:

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--32. (NEW) The composition according to claim 25, wherein the third component further comprises a metal oxide which is at least one selected from the group consisting of copper oxides, cobalt oxides, iron oxides, and silver oxides.--

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